

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA2004/002194

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: B29C 44/34, B29C 44/58, B29C 45/00

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: B29C, USPC: 264, 293, 343

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)
Delphion, Questel-Orbit (Pluspat), USPTO, CPD with key words, such as, steam chest mold or mould, foam, expanded plastics, expandable plastics, beads or particles, side core or side cavity, die draw and slides.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
Y, P	US 6,821,465 B1 (STEIN, A.C. et al.) 23 November 2004 (23-11-2004) the whole document	1-22
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Y	US 2003/0111852 A1 (CARLEY, M. et al.) 19 June 2003 (19-06-2003) the whole document	1-22
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